

Election Signage Requirements

Display of Election Signage in the City of Unley

2022 Local Government Elections

Recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1999* have changed the rules around where candidates can place election signs & what they can be made of.

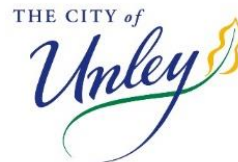
<p>Election signs made of corflute or plastic</p>	<p>✗ Cannot be displayed on a <i>public road</i> including any structure or fixture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If displayed on a public road, they will be removed by Council as they are prohibited by the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>. • The maximum penalty for exhibiting election signage made from plastic or corflute is a fine of \$5,000. <p>✓ Can be displayed on <i>private land</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With permission from the landowner. • The sign does not require development approval if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the total area of signage on each site is less than 2m²; and ▪ the signage does not move, flash, reflect light and is not internally illuminated.¹ • If the signage does not meet these requirements you will need to seek and be granted development approval.
<p>Election signs made of other materials (not corflute or plastic)</p>	<p>✓ Can be displayed on a <i>public road</i> on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council infrastructure, if it does not unreasonably restrict the use of the road or endanger members of the public and meets the requirements of the General Approval granted by Council on 22 August 2022; and • They are displayed for the period four weeks prior to polling day which is the period from Thursday 13 October 2022 until 5pm on Polling Day Thursday 10 November 2022. <p>✓ Can be displayed on <i>private land</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With permission from the landowner. • The sign does not require development approval if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the total area of signage on each site is less than 2m²; and ▪ the signage does not move, flash, reflect light and is not internally illuminated.¹ • If the signage does not meet these requirements you will need to seek and be granted development approval.

¹ Please refer to clause 1(f), Schedule 4 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017*.

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The following requirements apply to the display of election signs within the City of Unley:

- Display of election signs made of plastic or corflute (electoral advertising posters) on public roads (including any structure, fixture or vegetation on a public road) is prohibited. Maximum penalty: \$5,000.
- Any election sign (not made of corflute or plastic) may be displayed on council infrastructure on a road providing it does not unreasonably restrict the use of the road or endanger members of the public. Candidates must comply with the General Approval granted by Council on 22 August 2022 in order to display election signs. Signage that is insufficiently durable (i.e. liable to destruction by weather events) should not be displayed.
- Council's General Approval does not extend to infrastructure on a road that is owned by SA Power Networks (SAPN) or the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). At this point in time, SAPN and DIT have not issued a general approval for the placement of Local Government election signs on their infrastructure. If/when one is issued, Council will update the relevant information.
- Candidates must obtain permission from private property owners for the placement of election signs on private property. It is the responsibility of the candidate to consider if development approval is required for each site and make the necessary applications to the Council.
- The General Approval from Council does not permit Elections Signs to be displayed on Council land (i.e., within a Park).

Council Officers are authorised to:

- Take action that may lead to the removal and disposal of election signs that have been affixed in breach of the requirements.
- Remove election signage if it is causing a risk to public safety.
- Issue expiation notices or take other enforcement action where required.
- Authorised Officers have powers under the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*, Council By-laws and the *Local Government Act 1999*. Authorised Officers will provide 24 hours' notice to a candidate to remove an election sign before further action is taken, unless there is a public safety concern.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to be aware of all the requirements for the placement of election signage. It is recommended that candidates seek their own independent advice regarding election signage.